

TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

2. PROFESSOR SYED BAHAUDDIN MAJROOF, THE DIRECTOR OF THE AFGHAN INFORMATION CENTER IN PESHAWAR WAS GUNNED DOWN IN FRONT OF HIS HOME AT APPROXIMATELY 1900 HOURS LOCAL FEBRUARY 11. PROFESSOR MAJROOH WAS THE FOREMOST AFGHAN RESISTANCE INTELLECTUAL IN PESHAWAR.
3. [2 LINES EXCISED]

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PROFESSOR MAJROOH WAS SHOT AT LEAST SEVEN TIMES BY AN UNKNOWN ASSASSIN WHO HAD CALLED AT THE HOME/OFFICE USED BY THE PROFESSOR. AN AMERICAN, RON LANG, WHO WAS STAYING IN A ROOM AT MAJROOH'S HOUSE HEARD THE SHOTS. SERVANTS AT THE HOME REPORTEDLY SAW A SINGLE MAN RUNNING FROM THE FRONT OF THE MAJROOH HOUSE RIGHT AFTER THE SLAYING.

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2. PROFESSOR SEED [illegible]  
THE AFGHAN INFORMATION [illegible]  
DOWN IN FRONT OF [illegible]  
LOCAL FEBRUARY [illegible]  
AFGHAN [illegible]

PROFESSOR [illegible]  
UNKNOWN ASSASSIN [illegible]  
USED BY THE PRO [illegible]  
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SERVANTS AT THE [illegible]  
FROM THE FRONT [illegible]  
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3. DR. MAJROOH WAS FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AT XAHUL UNIVERSITY, HAD BEEN DIRECTOR OF THE AFGHAN INFORMATION CENTER IN PESHAWAR SINCE THE EARLY 1980'S. HE HAD GAINED IN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AMONG AFGHANISTAN WATCHERS WITH HIS CAREFUL, INDEPENDENT ANALYSES OF EVENTS IN THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR AND OF THE SITUATION OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY IN PAKISTAN. HIS ARTICLES APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD AROUND THE WORLD AND JOURNALISTS AND OTHER ANALYSTS VISITING PESHAWAR

5. IN PESHAWAR, THERE IS ALWAYS A FULL ARRAY OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTS FOR AN ACT SUCH AS THE KILLING OF PROFESSOR MAJROOH. WE CANNOT RULE OUT THAT THE PROFESSOR WAS KILLED FOR A PERSONAL MOTIVE. WE MUST FOCUS OUR MAIN SUSPICION, HOWEVER, UPON THE KABUL REGIME. PROFESSOR MAJROOH HAS NOT AS OF LATE, PUBLISHED ANY ARTICLES ESPECIALLY CRITICAL OF AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS. HE HAD, LAST YEAR, PUBLISHED A POLL WHICH SUPPOSEDLY SHOWED GREAT SUPPORT AMONG THE AFGHAN REFUGEES FOR THE RETURN OF FORMER KING ZAHIR SHAH. BUT THAT STUDY WAS FAIRLY OLD. THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT PUBLIC RALLIES IN BEHALF OF THE EX-KING THAT MIGHT HAVE RAISED THE [ILLEG] OF THE MORE FUNDAMENTALIST AMONG THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THESE AFGHAN LEADERS WOULD BELIEVE THAT ZAHIR SHAH -- OR PROFESSOR MAJROOH--WAS A SERIOUS THREAT. OUR INITIAL, REPEAT INITIAL, ANALYSIS POINTS THE FINGER OF GUILT AT ELEMENTS OF THE PDPA. THERE HAS BEEN INCREASED TALK OF INCLUDING AFGHAN INTELLECTUALS LIKE PROFESSOR MAJROOH IN POSSIBLE INTERIM GOVERNMENT TO REPLACE [ILLEG]

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THROUGH USIA. DR. MAJROOH WAS CLEARLY THE MOST WELL KNOWN AFGHAN RESISTANCE INTELLECTUAL IN PESHAWAR. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS PROFESSOR MAJROOH DISCUSSED THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION

IN AFGHANISTAN WITH VISITING U.N. SPECIAL REPORTER ON AFGHANISTAN FELIX ERMACORA.

4. THE BRUTAL SLAYING OF DR. MAJROOH HAS THROWN THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF PESHAWAR INTO SHOCK. HE WAS A CLOSE AND MOST VALUED CONTACT OF THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY. THE NIGHT BEFORE HE DIED, THE PROFESSOR AND HIS DAUGHTER ATTENDED A DINNER AT THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE IN HONOR OF VISITING FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN TED ELIOT. THE PROFESSOR, AN OLD FRIEND OF THE ELIOTS, WAS HIS USUAL CHEERFUL AND CHARMING SELF.

5. IN PESHAWAR, THERE IS ALWAYS A RISK AMONG OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTS FOR AN ACT SUCH AS THE SLAYING OF PROFESSOR MAJROOH. WE CANNOT RULE OUT THAT THE PERSON WHO KILLED MAJROOH FOR A PERSONAL MOTIVE. WE MUST, HOWEVER, CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY, UPON THE BASIS OF THE LATE PUBLISHED REPORTS, THAT MAJROOH WAS A

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CURRENT KABUL REGIME. THE MURDER MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AS A WAY OF WARNING AND INTIMIDATING AFGHAN EXPATRIATE INTELLECTUALS FROM PARTICIPATING IN SUCH AND INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

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6. WE BELIEVE THAT A STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSING SHOCK AND OUTRAGE OVER THE ASSASSINATION OF PROFESSOR MAJROOH IS IN ORDER.  
[LINES EXCISED]

6. WE HAVE TAKEN IMMEDIATE EFFORTS TO WARN OTHER PROMINENT AFGHAN EXILES IN PESHAWAR OF POSSIBLE DANGERS. WE WILL WORK WITH OUR AFGHAN RESISTANCE AND PAKISTANI POLICE CONTACTS TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS TRAGIC DEATH.  
8. AFTER THE ABOVE WAS WRITTEN, WE LEARNED OF A REPORT

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6. WE BELIEVE THAT A RECENT FROM THE

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THAT PROFESSOR MAJROOH'S DRIVER RECENTLY HAD LEFT HIM TO RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN. THIS HAD DEEPLY UPSET THE PROFESSOR WHO HAD MENTIONED TO CONTACTS THAT HE THOUGHT HE SHOULD MOVE TO A NEW HOUSE FOR SECURITY REASONS. WE CANNOT, AT THIS TIME, CONFIRM THIS REPORT.

9. MINIMIZES CONSIDERED.